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FLAT PRODUCT, A PRODUCT AS OBTAINED  
THEREBY, AND A FUEL ASSEMBLY ELEMENT FOR  
A POWER STATION NUCLEAR REACTOR MADE  
FROM SAID FLAT PRODUCT**

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**TRANSMITTAL**

Transmitted herewith for filing is a response to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2007, for the above-identified application.

Applicant hereby requests a three month extension of time for responding to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2007. The extended period for response expires on **October 19, 2007**. Please charge the three month extension fee of **\$1,050.00** and any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon LLP, deposit account number **11-0600**. A duplicate of this Transmittal is enclosed.

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